



A-level

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Paper 2A Study of Religion and Dialogues: Buddhism

Monday 19 June 2023

Afternoon

Time allowed: 3 hours

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7062/2A.
- Answer:
 - **both** two-part questions from **Section A**, and
 - **one** question from **Section B**, and
 - **one** question from **Section C**.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- In each two-part question in **Section A**, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- The one-part questions in **Sections B** and **C** test your knowledge and understanding and your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section A: Study of Buddhism

Answer **both** questions in this section.
Each question has two parts.

Question 1

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 Examine why there are different views about the application of ahimsa. **[10 marks]**

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 'There is little agreement in Buddhism on concepts of Buddha.'
Evaluate this claim. **[15 marks]**

Question 2

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 Examine how Buddhism responds to materialistic secular values. **[10 marks]**

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 'Buddhism responds successfully to the issues raised by genetic engineering.'
Evaluate this claim. **[15 marks]**

Section B: The dialogue between philosophy and Buddhism

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either

Question 3

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'Philosophical arguments for the existence of God show that Buddhist beliefs about Ultimate Reality are not coherent.'

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and philosophy.

[25 marks]

or

Question 4

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'Philosophy does not support belief in the authority of the Pali Canon.'

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and philosophy.

[25 marks]

Turn over for Section C

Turn over ►

Section C: The dialogue between ethics and Buddhism

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either

Question 5

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'Natural Moral Law gives Buddhists clear guidance on issues surrounding wealth.'

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and ethical studies.

[25 marks]

or

Question 6

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'Bentham's consequential ethics have no value for Buddhists.'

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Buddhism and Bentham.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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